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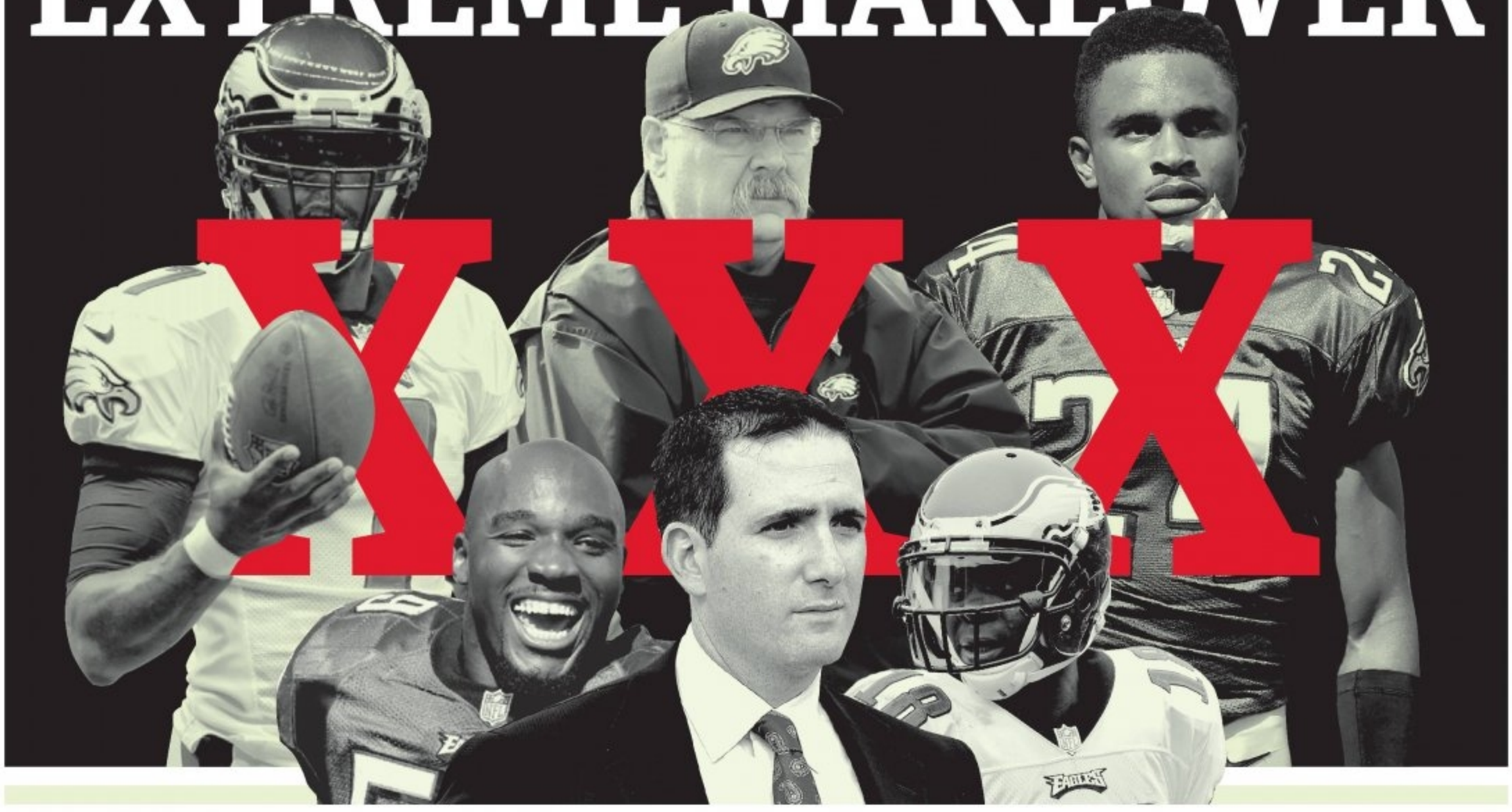

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Stingy fire fight

Battle between city firefighters and City Hall seems inextinguishable ● Back-and-forth began over fire union contract ● Now policy of forced transfers has erupted with City Council's threats of lawsuit against change

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▶ Ayers, right, appeared yesterday before City Council after no-shows at two previous hearings.

A contentious hearing yesterday on the fire department's mass transfer that will go into effect this January left frustrated City Council members discussing further steps to delay its implementation, including a possible joint lawsuit against the city.

At the center of the ongoing dispute is a new policy to transfer up to 20 percent of the department every five years.

"Is it any indication that no other department in the country does this? None. And they keep on saying 'best practices' — it's not a best practice, it's their best guess. And there's no need to guess about it," Councilman Jim Kenney said.

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Firefighters who submitted voluntary transfer requests between September 2011 and October 2012. Only 20 of them have been granted.

His comments came after Commissioner Lloyd Ayers, who for the first time publicly defended the transfers, was criticized for crafting the policy with the fire department's executive team and Mayor Michael Nutter's administration, but absent the input of third-party consultants or rank-and-file members.

"Sometimes best practices are created based on the situation in that location or area," Ayers said. "One of the things I believe we are doing here in the city of Philadelphia is creating a best practice."

Ayers and Deputy Mayor Mike Resnick said they are open to discussing some of plan's particulars but will not delay the transfers. "There are so many different people from different sectors of the city and different walks of life, and we are all asking that this not be implemented and that it be re-looked at," Councilman David Oh said. "Because there are serious doubts about the value and wisdom of its implementation — and that's as honestly as I can put it."

Kenney said the council is now debating its next move.

"I'd hate to have to join in on a lawsuit," he said. "But we're looking at all legal options and all legislative options."

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Unprecedented

The planned mass transfers are unprecedented in fire departments across the country, according to council members, who compiled a list of the transfer policies of 15 fire departments in large cities. In the vast majority, transfers were done through a bid system based on seniority. Those include:

- New York City
- Los Angeles (city and county)
- Chicago
- Houston
- Phoenix
- Miami-Dade
- San Diego
- Boston
- Detroit
- Baltimore
- Sacramento
- Pittsburgh
- Montgomery County, Va.

Work conditions in flux at PFD

Adding to low morale and animosity against the administration is a long-running contract dispute with firefighters and paramedics union Local 22. More than a week ago, a judge upheld the terms originally awarded by a third-party arbitrator in 2010.

The Nutter administration has not yet announced acceptance of the contract and has roughly three more weeks to appeal for a third time, having already appealed the arbitration in 2010 and again this summer.

In a policy that went into effect yesterday, firefighters' shifts were changed from 10-hour days and 14-hour nights to 12-hour days and 12-hour nights. Though a judge did not side with the union on that issue, officials plan to debate it during the next round of contract negotiations. Their currently contested award expires next June, and bargaining for the next four years will begin in the coming weeks.

Predictions

According to Ayers, the department is preparing for a future in which firefighters play drastically different roles. "You can't keep looking at a long crawl down a hallway to put a fire out in a back room or rescue a person — that's not the future," he said, discussing a vision that relies primarily on prevention through community outreach and education. "You'll come to a society where you don't have fires."

In the news

New holiday charity trend

Several local nonprofit organizations stepped up fundraising efforts yesterday as part of Giving Tuesday, a new holiday trend. The day after Cyber Monday is becoming the traditional day consumers begin making holiday contributions to their favorite charities after the traditional start to holiday shopping. Philabundance, PathWays PA and Museum of the American Revolution were among the groups. METRO

In the news

Card issues

PATCO announced yesterday that a software glitch is preventing customers from adding money to their Freedom cards using debit or credit cards. The agency said the problem surfaced Saturday and affects transactions online and at vending machines. PATCO said it is working to resolve the problem and that customers can still use cash to add value. METRO

Sales up, time on market falling in Center City

CENTER CITY. There is more good news for downtown developers, as home prices and volume increased this year, while the number of days on the market decreased, according to a new report.

The report, released by special services group Center City District, shows that total home sales increased 6.7 percent for the first 10 months and the average sale price rose 5.2 percent. Meanwhile, homes stayed on the market by nearly four fewer days. METRO

5.2 Percent increase in average sale price of a Center City home

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▶ Sales are up.

Four charged for gunfire behind Nicetown slaying

PHILADELPHIA. Detectives announced yesterday the arrest of four men in connection with the death of 25-year-old Johnika Tiggett, who was shot in the head early Friday morning on Dennie Street in Nicetown while caught in the crossfire of a shootout.

Police took into custody Byron McDonald, 19, Anthony Palmer, 33, Roland Thompson, 36 and Rashon Wiggins, 24. They are charged for their alleged involvement in the shootout that resulted in Tiggett's death. Detectives also issued an arrest warrant for 23-year-old Terrell Antwon, who has not yet been apprehended. METRO

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Two suspects charged in brutal Old City robberies

Two Camden men, who may be family members, have been charged with random attacks near Independence Mall.

Santos Centeno, 46, and Baldwin Centeno, 25, who are possibly uncle and nephew, were arrested last week and charged by federal authorities for the June 16 and June 20 incidents.

Prosecutors claim the men drove to Independence Mall with the intent to rob and attack passersby. On June 16, the two men allegedly beat a 35-year-old man who was looking for his car. The victim was beaten so severely that he required surgery and a lengthy rehabilitation, prosecutors claimed. The Centenos allegedly stole the victim's wallet and cell phone.

A few days later, the pair allegedly attacked a husband and wife walking to their car from a nearby restaurant. The husband and wife fought the attackers off, but sustained minor scrapes and bruises. The defendants allegedly stole the husband's wallet and cell phone.

Prosecutors say both men have several prior convictions.

RIKARD LARMA/METRO

▶ Attacks occurred in the city's historic district.

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Years in prison, plus a $1.25 million fine and three years of supervised release, faced by both Santos and Baldwin Centeno if convicted

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In the news

Obama coming to Montco today to talk business

President Barack Obama will launch a multipronged push this week to garner support for his proposals to solve U.S. fiscal problems, meeting with business executives at the White House and visiting a small business in Pennsylvania to press his case.

Obama has sought to go on the offensive since his re-election on Nov. 6 in the fight with Republicans over the "fiscal cliff," a combination of tax increases and spending cuts that would go into effect next year if the two sides do not reach a deal to stop it.

A White House official said yesterday the president will meet with a group of small-business owners. Today he will host an event with "middle-class Americans who would be impacted if Congress fails to act to extend the middle-class tax cuts," the official said.

"The president will travel to Montgomery County, Penn., to continue making the public case for action by visiting a business that depends on middle-class consumers during the holiday season, and could be impacted if taxes go up on 98 percent of Americans at the end of the year," the official said. **REUTERS**

Lottery jackpot now at half a billion

PENNSYLVANIA. The record Powerball jackpot for Wednesday's drawing has grown to $500 million thanks to high ticket sales, lottery officials said yesterday.

▶ These could be winners.

The jackpot has a cash prize of $327.4 million. The jackpot was previously set at $425 million, or a cash value of $278.3 million.

It is the second-highest lottery jackpot in the U.S., behind a $656 Mega Millions jackpot on March 30. Tickets for Wednesday's drawing are available until 9:59 p.m. Wednesday.

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Alleged swindler caught in Pa.

PHILADELPHIA. An Allentown man was charged yesterday with running an investment scam that swindled victims out of more than $170,000.

Joseph Paul Beck, 44, was charged with wire fraud for the alleged scam between April 2010 and March 2012. Prosecutors said he reached out to people and companies that could not get funding from ordinary financial institutions and convinced them to purchase "shelf corporations."

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Poll finds stronger NJ homes needed

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▶ New Jersey has put a preliminary $29.4 billion price tag on recovery from the Oct. 29 storm.

The Jersey Shore, where hundreds of homes were swept away or damaged in Hurricane Sandy, should be rebuilt, but with new, stricter building codes to protect against future storms, a poll of New Jersey voters said yesterday.

If given the choice, voters said the state government, rather than local governments, should pay for the recovery, including rebuilding beachfront boardwalks, according to the poll by the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute.

While nearly two-thirds said Sandy and other large storms were the result of global climate change, New Jersey voters were divided when asked if the burning of fossil fuels was the main cause of climate change.

Seven in 10 New Jersey voters favored rebuilding the Jersey Shore under stricter building codes, including three-quarters of shore residents. Only 18 percent said owners should be allowed to build with no changes to building codes.

"Voters throughout the state think Trenton should help pay to restore the boardwalks, and they'd like Trenton ... to pick up the overall bill." CARROLL

The poll also found enormous support for Republican Gov. Chris Christie's handling of the crisis, with more than 95 percent of voters saying Christie did an "excellent" or "good" job. REUTERS

Sandy's damage done

New York state and New Jersey need at least $71.3 billion to recover from the devastation wrought by Hurricane Sandy and prevent similar damage from future storms, according to their latest estimates.

The total, which could grow, came as New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo said on Monday the state will need $41.9 billion, including $32.8 billion to repair and restore damaged housing, parks and infrastructure, as well as cover lost revenue and other expenses. The figure also includes $9.1 billion to mitigate potential damage from future severe weather events, Cuomo said.

New Jersey, which saw massive damage to its transit system and coastline, suffered at least $29.4 billion in overall losses, according to a preliminary analysis released by Gov. Chris Christie's office last Friday.

In the news

▶ Sandusky

Overhaul of child protection laws in the works in Pa.

A statewide task force on child protection yesterday recommended increased training for caseworkers in Pennsylvania and stronger reporting requirements.

The recommendations were part of a 445-page report submitted to Gov. Tom Corbett and the General Assembly from the task force, which was commissioned in December 2011 following the Jerry Sandusky child sex abuse scandal at Penn State University. The 12-member task force, led by Bucks County District Attorney David Heckler, conducted 17 public hearings and received testimony from across the state. In its report, the group recommended passing legislation that would ban school entities from entering into confidentiality agreements with educators accused of sexual misconduct. It also suggests revising civil service requirements so that counties can hire applicants with appropriate education and training.

Corbett said he would work with the Legislature to close gaps in current procedures. METRO/SDL

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"It's my hope that we can ... help create a culture that promotes greater awareness, more accountability and better coordination."
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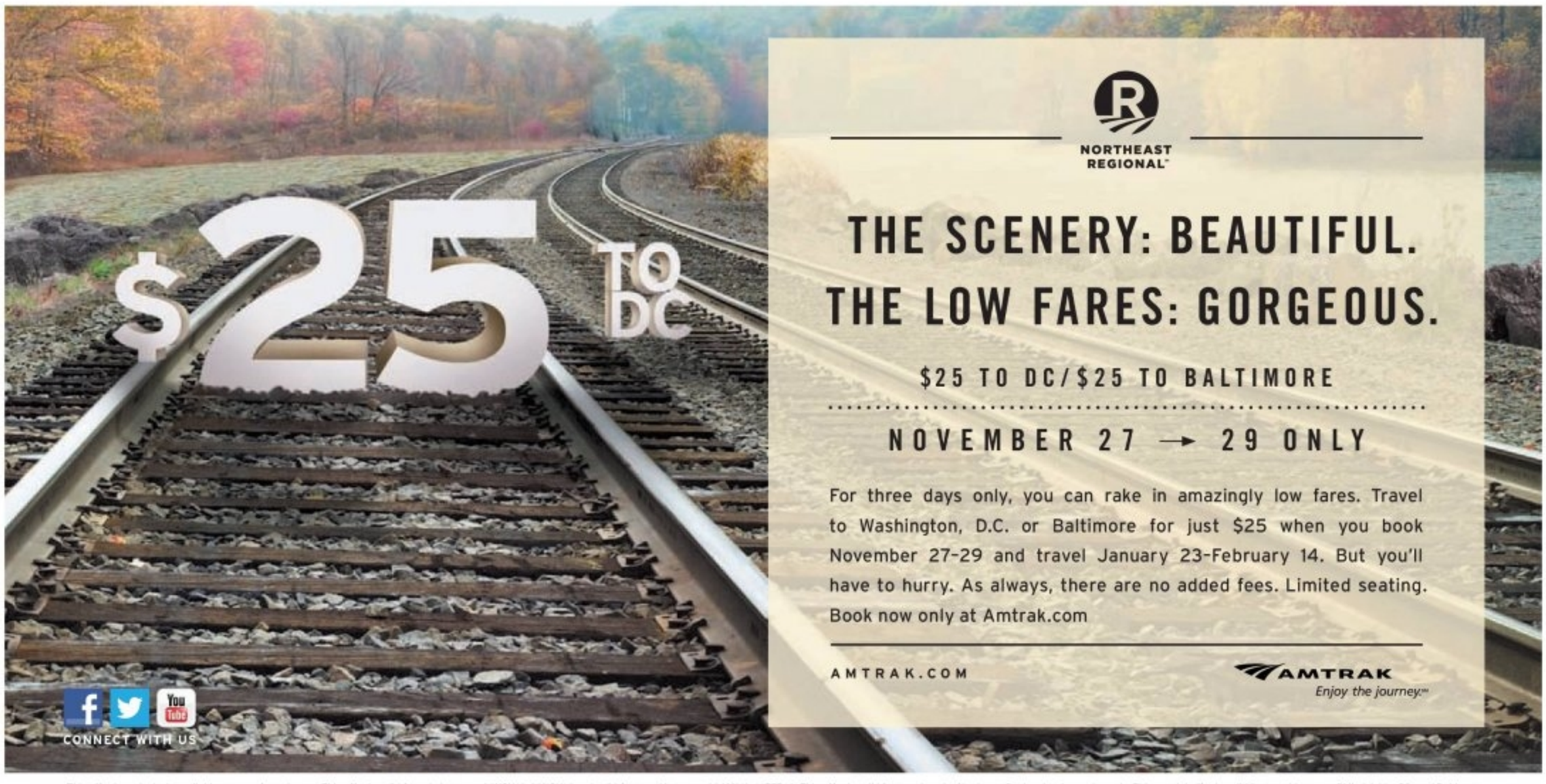
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In the news

Judge orders tobacco companies to admit deception in public adverts

WASHINGTON. Major tobacco companies must take out advertisements admitting that they deliberately deceived the U.S. public about the danger and addictiveness of cigarettes, a federal judge ruled yesterday.

The ruling in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia attempts to finalize the wording of the advertisements that the judge first ordered in 2006 after finding the companies violated federal racketeering law.

Tobacco companies fought a public admission of deception, calling it a violation of their free speech rights. **REUTERS**

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▶ Cigarettes

Arafat's corpse yields samples for poison test

▶ Tarpaulin hiding the mausoleum of the late Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

Forensic experts took samples from Yasser Arafat's corpse in the West Bank yesterday, trying to determine if he was murdered with the hard-to-trace radioactive poison, polonium.

Palestinians witnessed the funeral of their hero and longtime leader eight years ago, but conspiracy theories surrounding his death have never been laid to rest.

Many are convinced their icon was the victim of assassination by Israeli agents, and may have been poisoned wittingly or unwittingly by a Palestinian. They may remain convinced of that, whatever the outcome of this autopsy.

Arafat's body was uncovered in the grave and samples removed without moving the corpse. The tomb was resealed in hours and wreaths placed by Palestinian leaders, including Prime Minister Salam Fayyad. **REUTERS**

Yoga. Record

▶ Revolution Monument in Mexico City yesterday hosted the world's largest yoga "superclass," led by Naam Yoga founder Dr. Joseph Michael Levry.

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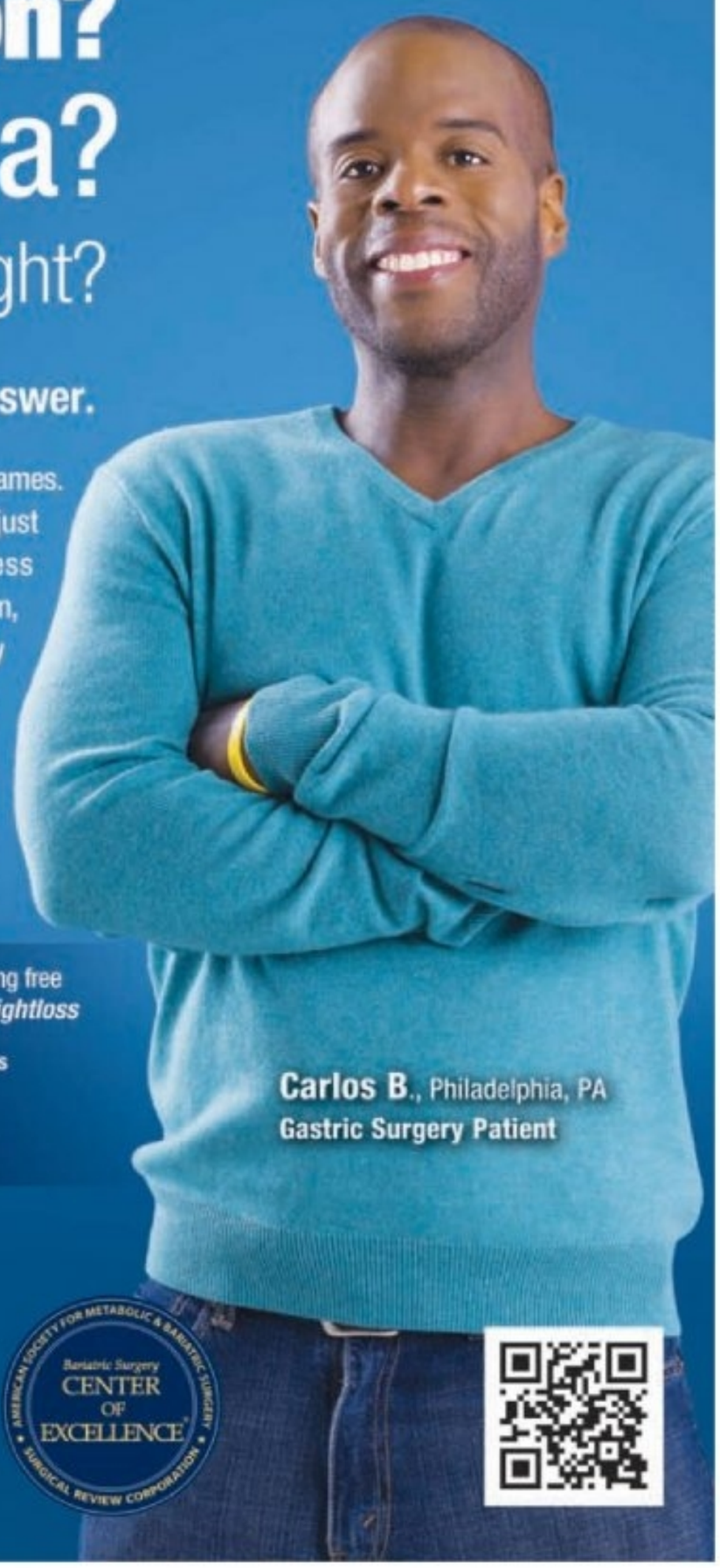

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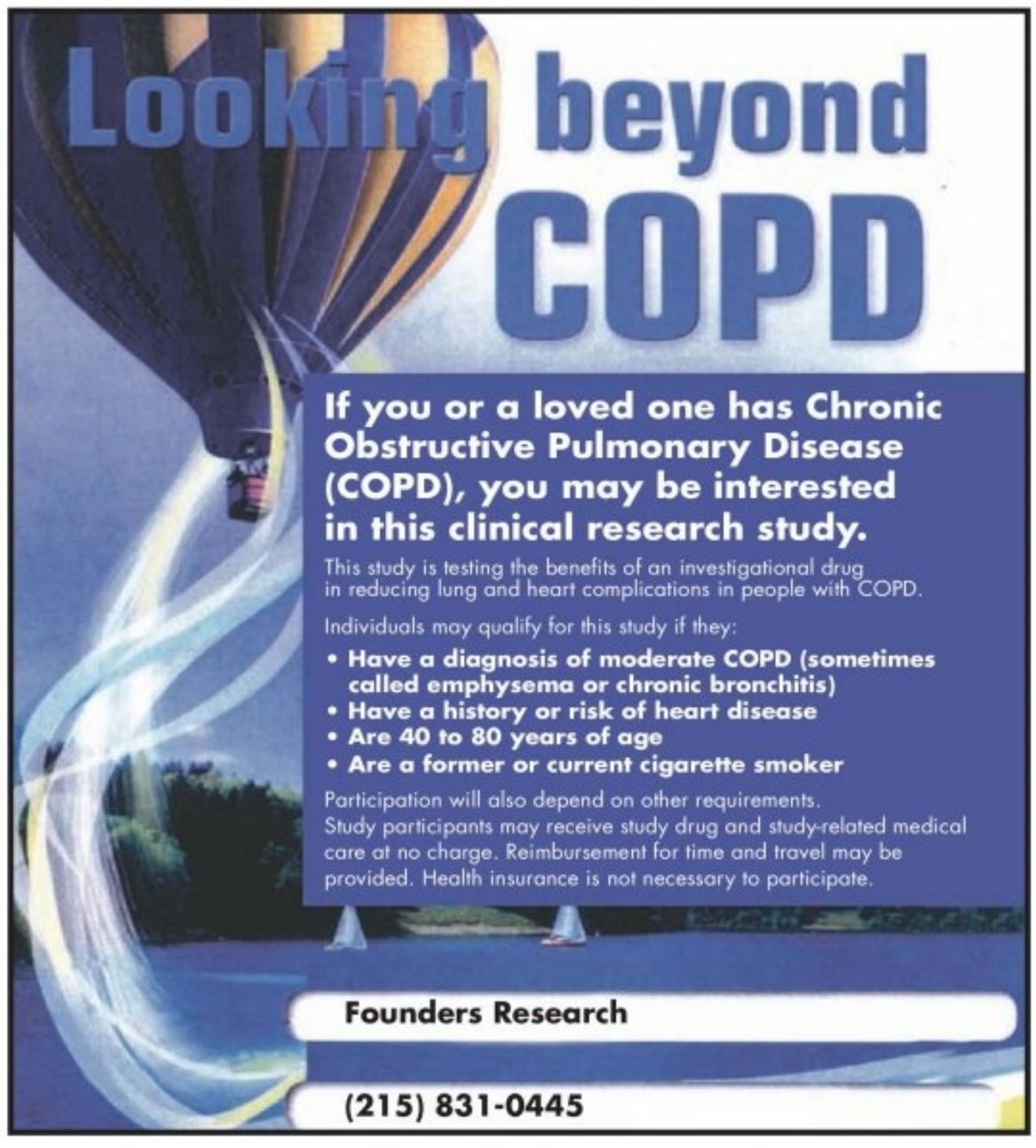
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Future governance of the Web to dominate UN global summit

An unprecedented debate over how the global Internet is governed is set to dominate a meeting of officials in Dubai next week, with many countries pushing to give a United Nations body broad regulatory powers even as the United States and others contend such a move could mean the end of the open Internet.

The 12-day conference of the International Telecommunications Union, a 147-year-old organization that's now an arm of the United Nations, largely pits revenue-seeking developing countries and authoritarian regimes that want more control over Internet content against U.S. policymakers and private Net companies that prefer the status quo.

Many of the proposals have drawn fury from free-speech and human-rights advocates and have prompted resolutions from the U.S. Congress and the European Parliament, calling for the current decentralized system of governance to remain in place.

While specifics of some of the most contentious proposals remain secret, leaked drafts show that Russia is seeking rules giving individual countries broad permission to shape the content and structure of the Internet within their borders, while a group of Arab countries is advocating universal identification of Internet users. REUTERS

Google pledge

Google last week asked users to "pledge your support for the free and open Internet" on social media, raising the specter of a grassroots outpouring of the sort that blocked American copyright legislation and a global anti-piracy treaty earlier this year.

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▶ In some ways, the U.N. involvement reflects a reversal that has already begun.

ITU likes the idea

Fundamentally, most of the 193 countries in the ITU seem eager to enshrine the idea that the U.N. agency, rather than today's hodgepodge of private companies and nonprofit groups, should govern the Internet. The ITU meeting, which aims to update a longstanding treaty on how telecom companies interact across borders, will also tackle other topics such as extending wireless coverage into rural areas.

If a majority of the ITU countries approve U.N. dominion over the Internet along with onerous rules, a backlash could lead to battles in Western countries over whether to ratify the treaty, with tech companies rallying ordinary Internet users against it and some telecom carriers supporting it.

In the news

Rice meeting with senators fails to quell doubts

WASHINGTON. U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Susan Rice will meet with lawmakers this week to discuss her controversial

remarks about the September attack in Benghazi, Libya, that have caused hurdles for her potential promotion to secretary of state.

The move, announced shortly after a top critic said he would be open to speaking to her, could fuel speculation that she is gunning for the nation's top diplomatic job.

Republicans have attacked Rice for appearing on TV talks shows shortly after the attack on the U.S. diplomatic mission in Benghazi. METRO

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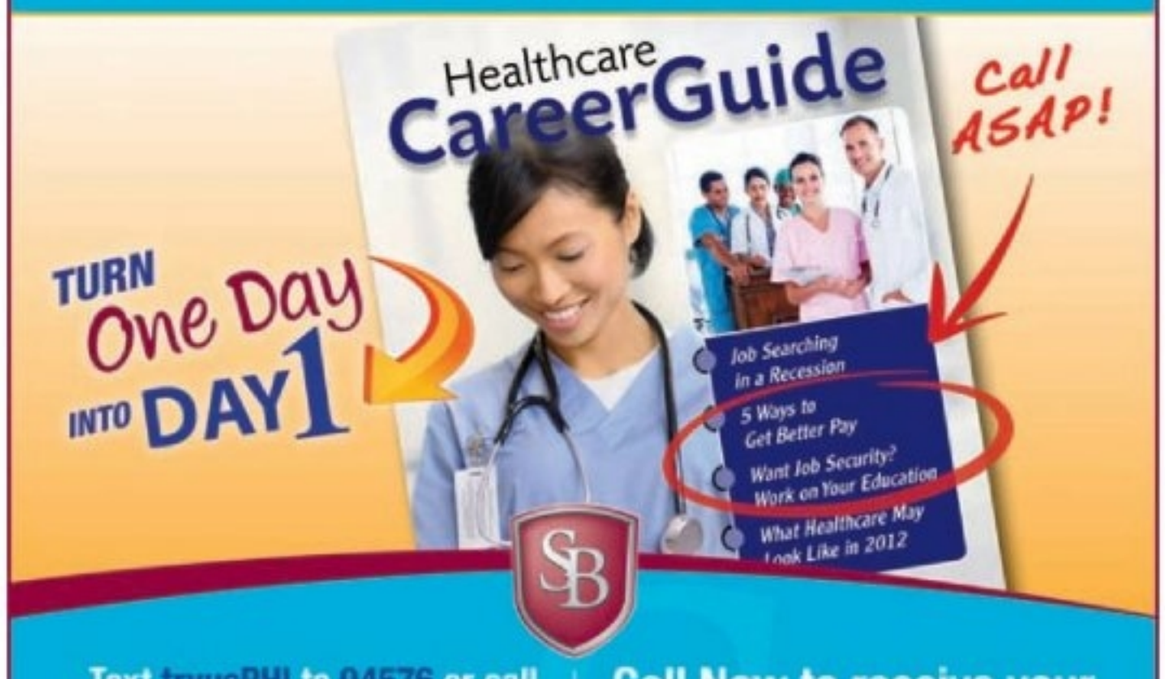
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Kim Jong Un makes the list; Cyber Monday a big victory

Don't think of the kids

Elmo puppeteer faces new charges

The puppeteer formerly behind popular "Sesame Street" character Elmo faces a new accusation of having sex with an underage boy, a week after a similar allegation prompted him to resign from the public television children's program.

In a lawsuit filed Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Manhattan, a man identified only as John alleges Kevin Clash engaged in oral sex and other sex acts with him when John was 16 years old.

The suit seeks at least $75,000 in damages. **REUTERS**

Ol' Saint Net

Cyber Monday was the best ever

Internet sales jumped 30.3 percent on Cyber Monday, making it the biggest online shopping day ever, according to IBM.

Monday was also a record day for sales of Amazon's Kindle electronic devices, the online retailer said, without saying how many it sold.

Besides the 30.3-percent increase from Cyber Monday of 2011, total online sales were up more than 36 percent from this year's Black Friday, according to International Business Machines Corp, which analyzes transactions from 500 U.S. retailers. **REUTERS**

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Amazon cut the price of the Kindle Fire by $30 to $129 on Monday, its most successful deal ever.

Going to battle

ACLU sues over women in combat

The American Civil Liberties Union sued yesterday on behalf of four U.S. servicewomen to challenge a long-standing policy barring women from thousands of ground combat positions, citing the changing nature of warfare and fairness for career soldiers.

The civil-rights group argued in a legal complaint filed in federal court in Northern California that a military policy to bar women from combat roles on the basis of gender was unconstitutional.

Their career opportunities also had been limited by the policy, the women said. **REUTERS**

From the People's Bureau of Gullibility

▶ Start swooning, ladies.

N. Korea called, it wants its sexy back

China's top newspaper went to town yesterday with a 55-page online picture spread of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un being named The Onion's "Sexiest Man Alive for 2012," appearing to fall for a spoof by the U.S. satirical website.

Seemingly clueless as to the real nature of The Onion's tongue-in-cheek award for Kim, the People's Daily splashed full-page photographs of the portly young leader riding horses, clapping his hands, waving and clasping children's cheeks on his tours around North Korea.

"With his devastatingly handsome, round face, his boyish charm and his strong, sturdy frame, this Pyongyang-bred heartthrob is every woman's dream come true," the English online edition of the People's Daily quoted The Onion as saying. The People's Daily is the mouthpiece of China's ruling Communist Party and is among the better regarded newspapers in the country. **REUTERS**

A true milestone

Kardashian No. 1 on Bing searches

Kim Kardashian topped the 2012 list of the most-searched person on Bing, the Web search engine said yesterday, with Canadian teen pop star Justin Bieber coming in second.

Kardashian, the reality television personality from "Keeping Up With The Kardashians," grabbed the No. 1 spot back from Bieber after she topped Bing's annual list in 2010 and Bieber came in first last year. **REUTERS**

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Today in celebrity lawsuits

The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Roseanne Barr is bragging, Jason Mraz is perhaps sharing too much, Eva Longoria is getting in the holiday spirit and Sarah Silverman is giving out fashion advice.

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There should be an age limit on wearing those zig-zag Charlie Brown T-shirts

▶ Berry is having men trouble ...

Celebrities. If they aren't getting divorced, they're getting sued. Here's a breakdown of the latest legal woes of your favorite stars.

While **Halle Berry** is hoping to make her temporary restraining order against ex **Gabriel Aubry** permanent following his bloody Thanksgiving row with her fiance, **Olivier Martinez**, Aubry himself is reportedly seeking legal protection, according to TMZ. In his legal declaration following the incident, Aubry claims that Martinez threatened his life and used intimidating language the day before the fight, during a school play featuring **Nahla**, the daughter Berry and Aubry share. Aubry has been granted a restraining order of his own against Martinez.

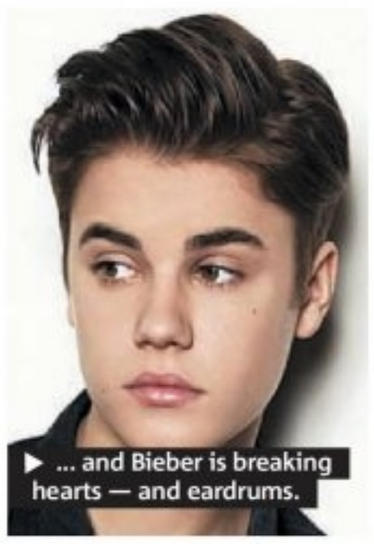
The lawsuits just keep coming for **Kevin Clash**, the beleaguered ex-voice of **Elmo**. He's been slammed with a third accusation of having sex with an underage boy a week after a similar allegation prompted him to resign from "Sesame Street." A man identified only as **John Doe** alleges Clash engaged in oral sex and other sex acts with him when he was 16 years old. The suit, which was filed Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Manhattan, seeks at least $75,000 in damages, per Reuters.

▶ ... and so is Kevin Clash.

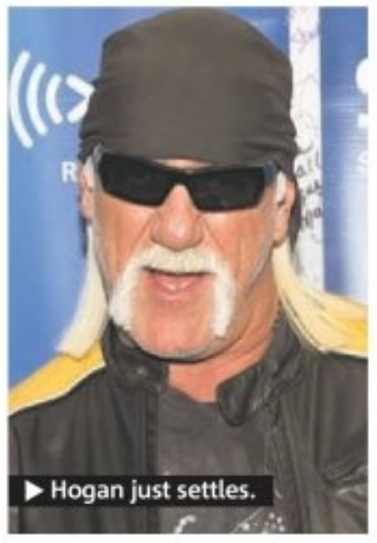
A **Katt Williams** fan isn't just brushing off a terrible performance by the comedian — he's suing the star on behalf of everyone who had to witness it. This week, **Brian Herline** of Modesto, Calif., filed a class action lawsuit against Williams and Live Nation on behalf of the audience members who attended a Williams show at Oakland's Oracle Arena earlier this month. The San Francisco Chronicle reports that Williams went bonkers 10 minutes into his set, taking off all of his clothes and then challenging people to fight (sounds watchable to me). The gracious Herline is seeking class-action certification in an effort to get ticket money back for all audience members.

▶ Williams needs onstage guidance ...

Speaking of offended audience members, it's been a bad week for **Justin Bieber**. First, he was booed by a bunch of football fans for his halftime performance at Canada's Grey Cup on Sunday, and now he has been hit with a $9.2 million lawsuit brought against him by **Stacey Wilson Betts**. Betts claims she lost her hearing "by a sound blast that exceeded safe decibel levels" at a Bieber concert two years ago thanks to all the teenage screaming. Bieber and his lawyers asked for the case to be dismissed, stating that Betts has a "failure to state a claim upon which relief can be granted," which is legalese for "girlfriend is crazy."



▶ ... and Bieber is breaking hearts — and eardrums.



▶ Hogan just settles.

And, finally, we're going to save the most beautiful and touching for last: **Hulk Hogan** and **Bubba the Love Sponge** have settled out of court regarding Hulk's lawsuit against Bubba over a sex tape scandal. Hogan sued his former friend and Bubba's ex-wife **Heather Clem** for taping him in sexual acts with Heather without his knowledge and consent. The terms of the settlement are confidential.

Talking points

Pitt and Jolie: Getting hitched?

Brad Pitt and **Angelina Jolie** may finally be making good on their engagement and getting married sooner rather than later. "I am getting more pressure from my kids, and it is something I want to do within their lifetime," he told reporters at the "Killing Them Softly" premiere, according to Hollyscoop. "But I also feel like the time has come. The time is now. It's soon. I got a good feeling about it." And Pitt admits it's not just pressure from the kids that has him eager to tie the knot. It turns out he's into the idea as well: "We've had a family, we've raised the kids. I am surprised how much [marriage] meant to me once you had that," he says.

LaBeouf and Pho are no more

Shia LaBeouf has split up with his girlfriend of two years, **Karolyn Pho**, according to Us Weekly. A source tells the magazine that the "Lawless" star and stylist Pho actually broke up "a while ago." LaBeouf is clearly already moving on, having been spotted cozying up to a mystery blonde over the weekend at L.A.'s Magic Castle.

Rowling sells her Scotland home

J.K. Rowling is a bit of a wizard when it comes to real estate. The best-selling author recently sold the Edinburgh, Scotland, home — where she wrote four of her seven "Harry Potter" novels — for $3.6 million after just three weeks on the market, according to People magazine. Rowling bought the top half of the home in 1999 and later bought the downstairs section and converted it into a single home. The buyer is an anonymous Scottish businessman.

▶ Rowling is rich(er).

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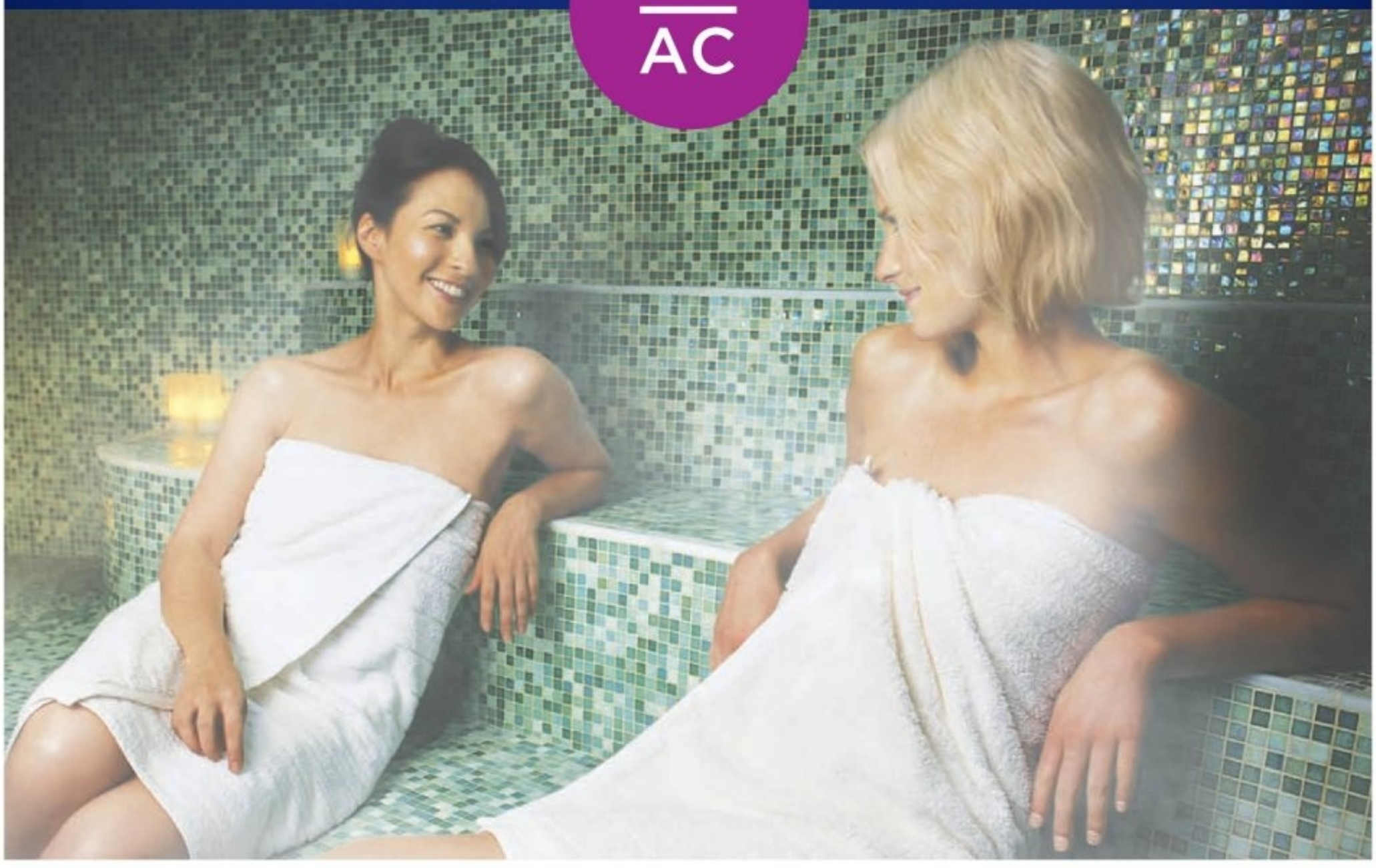

Blondes of the red carpet

1: Diane Kruger attended the Jaeger-LeCoultre Vendome Boutique opening on Tuesday in Paris.

2: Nicole Kidman popped up (and her tongue popped out) at a screening of "The Paperboy" on Sunday in Los Angeles, Calif.

3: Amy Adams strutted on the red carpet at IFP's 22nd Annual Gotham Independent Film Awards on Monday in New York City.

4: Scarlett Johansson appeared at the photocall for "Cat On A Hot Tin Roof" at Sardi's on Tuesday in New York. The show begins previews Dec. 18 and is scheduled for a 15-week engagement.

5: Christina Aguilera donned a platinum bob for the 40th American Music Awards last Sunday in Los Angeles. Check out **Nicki Minaj** in the foreground.

6: Celine Dion attended the BAMBI Awards 2012 on Thursday in Duesseldorf, Germany.

7: Helen Mirren arrived at the premiere of Fox Searchlight Pictures' "Hitchcock" in Beverly Hills on Tuesday. Mirren plays Alma Reville, Alfred Hitchcock's wife and confidant.

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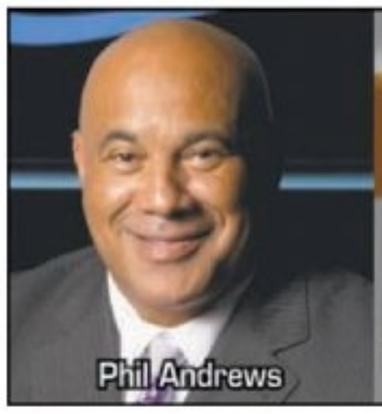

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New products

▶ The slimmer iMac

Apple's Ultra-Slim iMacs get a release date

Apple just announced its latest iMacs — which boast an extremely thin form — will go on sale Friday, Nov. 30. The announcement comes more than a month after Apple first unveiled the new all-in-one desktop computers, which offer a new storage option called Fusion Drive.

The monitors on the new iMacs are extraordinarily slim at just 0.2 inch deep at the edge (like the previous iMacs, its bulbous design is thicker in the middle). Apple was able to flatten the iMac by changing its production methods, eliminating one of the layers in the display components and ditching optical drives.

The iMacs come in two screen sizes, 21.5 and 27 inches. Although the smaller size will be on store shelves Nov. 30, Apple will only begin taking orders for the larger size on that date, with shipping at some point in December.

The iMacs come with 8GB of RAM and 1TB of hard-disk storage standard, but buyers can opt to include Fusion Drive technology, which boosts performance by supplementing the hard disk with a 128GB solid-state drive. Fusion Drive will "intelligently" manage your storage, putting often-accessed files and applications in the SSD, which should make them run faster.

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Don't fall for fake privacy notice

The legalese you've been seeing in status updates on Facebook does nothing to protect against policies

A "privacy notice" that's been virally spreading on Facebook, supposedly protecting one's personal details and data from unauthorized copying, is fake.

The notice started spreading a few days after Facebook posted its new privacy guidelines, announcing it would let users comment on proposed changes to its governing documents, but not vote.

The text of the notice starts as follows: "In response to the new Facebook guidelines, I hereby declare that my copyright is attached to all of my personal details, illustrations, graphics, comics, paintings, photos and videos, etc."

It then goes on claiming that anyone can copy this text and paste it on their Facebook wall, which supposedly forbids Facebook to "disclose, copy, distribute, disseminate or take any other action against [the user] on the basis of this profile and/or its contents."

Finally, the notice points out that "Facebook is now an open capital entity" and that all its members are "recommended to publish a notice like this."

The notice resembles a text from July which also spread virally on Facebook and, just like that notice, the new one is untrue as well.

The idea behind the "notice" is that Facebook's listing as a publicly traded company will negatively affect its users' privacy, which is not true. Facebook and its users are still bound to the same terms and conditions that are accepted by users when they sign up for the service, and posting a legal "talisman" of this kind on your profile does nothing to change that.

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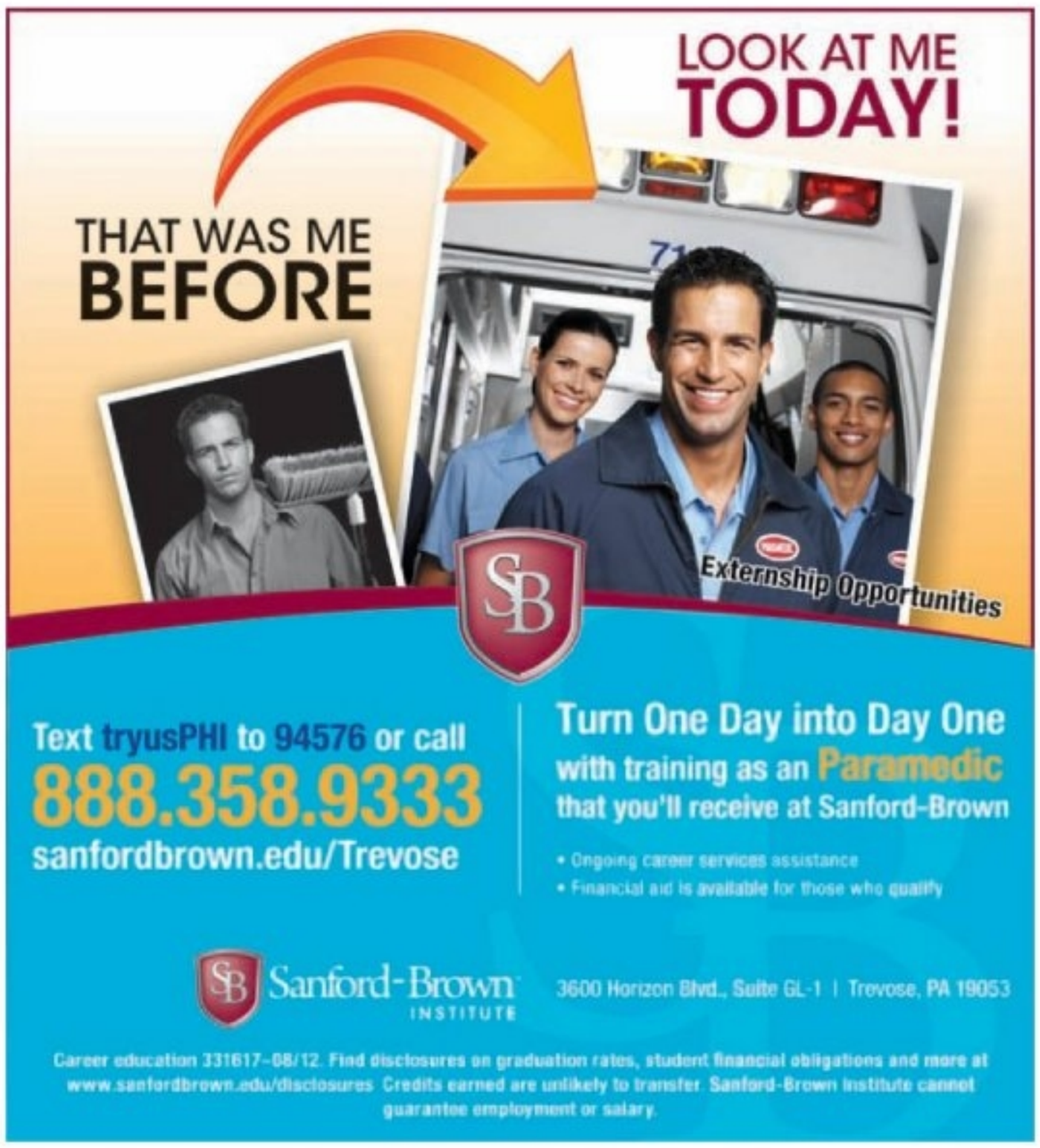
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TV watch list

'The Hour'

DRAMA. Dominic West leads a cast of newscasters as Season 2 picks up with the threat of nuclear war gripping the journalists. **Season premiere, 9 p.m., BBC America**

'Christmas in Rockefeller Center'

KUDOS

▶ Dominic West and Romola Garaia star in "The Hour."

SPECIAL. The world's most famous Christmas tree is lit with the help of musical guests Tony Bennett, Mariah Carey, CeeLo Green and more. **8 p.m., NBC**

'A Charlie Brown Christmas'

SPECIAL. Take a break from all that Christmas commercialism as Linus schools the Peanuts gang on the true meaning of the holiday and Charlie Brown's sad little tree gets decorated with a whole lot of love. **8 p.m., ABC**

'Love You, Mean It with Whitney Cummings'

TALK. Comedian Whitney Cummings debuts a new talk show focused on sex and relationships — just in case that sitcom she has about sex and relationships doesn't work out. **Series premiere, 10:30 p.m., E!**

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▶ In "Hitchcock," James D'Arcy plays the pensive actor who would become synonymous with the name Norman Bates.

Going 'Psycho'

James D'Arcy takes on Anthony Perkins for his latest, 'Hitchcock'

James D'Arcy isn't one for impersonations. Though he has played King Edward in Madonna's "W.E." and more recently Anthony Perkins in Sacha Gervasi's "Hitchcock" — in theaters Friday — the British actor is hesitant to claim an ability to mimic the famous personalities he's played.

"I think you don't get too bogged down, in that it's not a documentary," he says. "Firstly you've got to serve the script. ... Then, after that, you try to be respectful and as honest as one can. I think you get stuck down that nasty cul-de-sac if you try and do an impression."

Playing the timid Perkins, whose name was to become synonymous with Norman Bates after he played the fictional killer in Alfred Hitchcock's 1960 film "Psycho," presented its own challenges. "Hitchcock" follows the titular master of suspense as he develops and shoots his most famous film. The story is largely Hitchcock's, exploring how famed murderer Ed Gein became his inspiration and how the landmark film affected his relationship with longtime collaborator and wife Alma Reville. The relationship between Hitchcock and Perkins was a surprisingly positive one, though only hints of it are shown in the film.

The same could be said of D'Arcy and the man playing his onscreen director, Anthony Hopkins. Almost unrecognizable in his prosthetic mask, contacts and fat suit, the knighted actor's thoroughly convincing costume made him far less imposing. "It was so good that it didn't feel like Anthony Hopkins," he admits. "In fact, we've become quite good friends since the movie finished, and it's still weird seeing him as Tony — as him with blue eyes, really great piercing blue eyes. When we were working together [and he was in costume], he was very corpulent and had brown eyes. He looked completely different."

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Q&A

When was the first time you saw a Hitchcock film?

I was 13 and I didn't want to watch it. I knew it was a horror. I knew something about "Psycho." My mum, I think, told me that when she'd seen it, people had fainted in the cinema and people had run out screaming. So I knew about this really scary film, and I don't like horror movies. I was staying at a friend's house and I was lying on the couch. He literally sat on me and made me watch. He sat on me for the whole movie and made me watch it and if I kind of covered my eyes he'd pull my arm away. So that's my first memory of Alfred Hitchcock and "Psycho."

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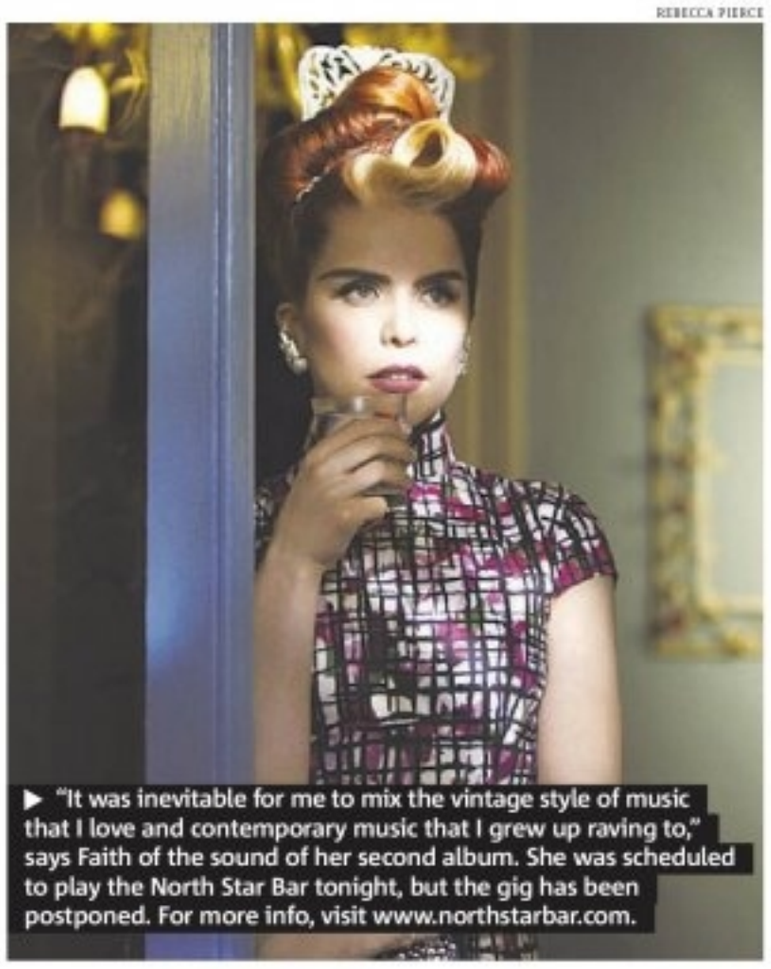

▶ "It was inevitable for me to mix the vintage style of music that I love and contemporary music that I grew up raving to," says Faith of the sound of her second album. She was scheduled to play the North Star Bar tonight, but the gig has been postponed. For more info, visit www.northstarbar.com.

Sad songs just say so much

Paloma Faith on 'Fall to Grace,' playing smaller venues in America than in England and that other British soulstress who sings so well about heartbreak

With tabloids touting a smiling Adele with her adorable new baby, you might find yourself thinking: "That's great that she is happy, but where am I gonna get my fix of sad songs sung by soulful British women?"

The answer to your check-out line musing is Paloma Faith's new album, "Fall to Grace." With lyrics like "This is agony, but it's still a thrill for me" and "Falling never hurts, but landing does" paired with classic soul song structures and shamelessly contemporary pop production, "Grace" is your latest soundtrack to heartache.

Faith, a tabloid fixture in her own right in the U.K., even helped Adele's career kick off.

"I just kind of gave her one of her first gigs," she says humbly. "I didn't give her her start. She gave herself her start."

Faith doesn't mind the comparisons: "If it was somebody who wasn't doing quite as well as her, I might feel strange. But honestly, if I could have a tenth of the success that she's had in the U.S. then I'd be smiling forever into my grave."

Smiling into the grave is what "Grace" is all about. Songs are hooky and polished, but a broken heart beats beneath.

"There were songs on the record that were produced to sound superhopeful, but when you listen to the lyrics they're sad," she says. "I wouldn't say it's a tragic record. I would say it's a realistic record."

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In the news

Beyonce to direct documentary about herself

Pop superstar Beyonce is stepping behind the camera to direct a behind-the-scenes documentary about her personal and professional life, U.S. cable channel HBO said on Monday.

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▶ Beyonce

The currently untitled film will debut on Feb. 16 and show the Grammy-winning singer's life in the recording studio, readying for live performances and running her own TV and music production company.

"Everybody knows Beyonce's music, but few know Beyonce the person," HBO Programming President Michael Lombardo said in a statement. "Along with electrifying footage of Beyonce onstage, this unique special looks beyond the glamour to reveal a vibrant, vulnerable, unforgettable woman."

The documentary will also feature moments in the "Crazy in Love" singer's family life and first-person footage Beyonce captured on her laptop. REUTERS

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Still Crazy Horse after all these years

- One of Neil Young's right-hand men, Poncho Sampedro, on how his band couldn't adopt a new sound if they tried
- What the rocker thinks of Jimmy Fallon's impersonation of him

Poncho Sampedro is a humble man. Throughout a half-hour discussion, the rhythm guitarist for Crazy Horse proudly acknowledges limitations with his instrument, with his band's sound and with his own ability to recite the lyrics of any of the Neil Young songs that he's been playing for more than 30 years.

"I try to pick up on the words, but unfortunately I'm not that good at it. And so there's a lot of his songs I have my own words for," he says. "I can't sing one whole song all the way through, I don't think."

Even if he went to a karaoke bar and somebody signed him up for a rock radio staple like "Powderfinger"? "I can make it through the first and second verse, I think," he says.

But to say that Sampedro is humble doesn't mean he is lacking in confidence. In fact, he says that confidence is the key to his success and the reason that some of the elementary rhythms he has committed to tape are such classics.

"If you're confident that you're going to go up there and make it from the beginning of the set until the end, I think good things will happen," he says. "If you are worried, you're

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▶ Neil Young and Crazy Horse circa 1976: from left, Ralph Molina, Young, bassist Billy Talbot and Sampedro.

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▶ Sampedro, left, leans in tight for a Crazy Horse jam, with Talbot and Young. They play the Wells Fargo Center tomorrow.

"Specifically, I have an amp, a guitar and a cord — and that's it."

SAMPEDRO, ON HIS SETUP: HE NEVER USES ANY FANCY EFFECTS TO ENHANCE HIS SOUND.

going to have a hard time."

A lot of it has to do with just feeling the music, he says.

"If we approach it with an open mind, somehow on a soul level, we connect," he says.

That confidence and dedication to following a feeling is all over the new albums that Neil Young and Crazy Horse released this year. Though tracks like "Oh Susannah" and "This Land is Your Land" on this spring's "Americana" album are standards, there is nothing standard about them in the hands of these four guys.

"We just have one sound and we can't get away from it even if we try," says Sampedro with a laugh.

And with this fall's double-album, "Psychedelic Pill," they are even more themselves, as they get far out on the 27-minute jam haze of "Driftin' Back." All of the material benefits from the assured approach of a band that just knows how to play off each other. But don't confuse confidence or feel with perfection.

"There is a place where I play and I kind of walk through the clam fields for a while, and then Neil does the same thing," says Sampedro. "I even mentioned it to him. I said, 'Neil, if you listen to it, there are two spots where both of us are lost and we could clip that out easily.' ... And he said, 'Well, then they wouldn't know how we got to the next place.'"

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Real Neil on fake Neil

What does Neil Young say about Jimmy Fallon's impersonation of him? Sampedro says the singer is a fan.

"He thinks that Jimmy does him great. He goes, 'God, he has it down!' But I think it makes him laugh. I don't think it ever really bothered him."

Don't call me Frank

Sometimes Poncho Sampedro is credited on Crazy Horse albums with the name he was born with, Frank.

"Neil at one point in his organization had three different Franks working for him, and everyone started getting confused as to what Frank said what. I just said, 'Just call me Poncho from now on' ... and that's how it started. ... I really like the name."

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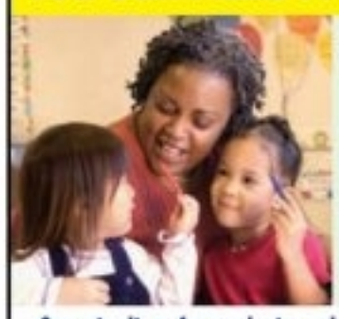

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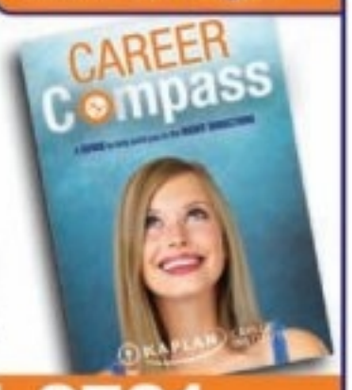

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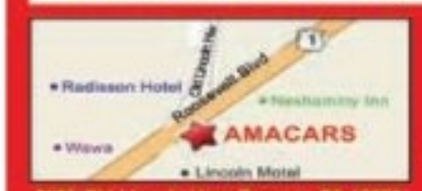

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Shopping like a pro

NYC stylist and personal shopper Natalie Decleve knows her way around clothing racks She shares her secrets for successful sprees Fewer returns, and say goodbye to morning wardrobe meltdowns

Hate shopping? Find a stylist like Natalie Decleve in your area on www.styleforhire.com.

Whether she's hunting for the perfect cropped blazer for one of clients or scouting the latest and greatest for her fashion blog, Natalie Decleve is constantly shopping. Here, the stylist gives us her tips on building the perfect wardrobe.

Identify what's missing: "It's really important to take a look at what you have in your wardrobe and what you don't like and why. People say, 'I open my closet and I have nothing to wear.' Then they go shopping and buy more of the same stuff. The first step is to identify what's missing and what would make your life easier getting dressed in the morning."

Study style: "Look at inspiration photos on street style blogs. But don't just say, 'I love that girl's outfit.' Well, why do you love it? Do you like the way she put things together or do you love a specific item?"

Decide what's worth investing in: "When you're deciding where to put your dollars, it's important to think about how much wear you're going to get out of something. A concept I talk about [with clients] is cost-per-wear. You take the price of an item and divide it by the number of times you'll wear it. So if you have a $100 coat but you're going to wear it a 100 times, then your cost-per-wear is only $1 a day. Then you can evaluate what is really worth spending on."

Shop for your body type: "Be aware of your strengths and weaknesses. If you have a tiny waist, why not show it off? If you have short legs, make them look longer by wearing high-waisted things. If you have broad shoulders, you can do a halter neck top to make them appear less wide. If you have a body part that you would like to draw less attention to, wearing dark colors and avoiding prints will detract the eye from that area."

When to pay full price: "Pay full-price when an item is exactly what you're looking for and it's something that's hard to find. So if you see an incredible coat, and you've been looking for a coat just like it, and you're not going to have time to comb discount sites, by all means get it because otherwise it will haunt your dreams."

Shopping sales: "Department

Decleve helps people edit their wardrobes, as well.

Buy that cocktail dress

"If you find a cocktail dress that you love and it's a perfect fit and a great price — even if you don't need it at that moment — it's a good idea to get it. It's worse when you have an event like a wedding and you can't find a dress. Then you're spending hours looking for one."

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What's worth the splurge?

"I think handbags and coats. In the winter you wear your coats over everything. If your outfit is amazing underneath, but you're wearing a crappy coat on top, who cares?"

stores have great discounts. Take advantage of their friends and family sale because that's when you can get in-season merchandise for less. The important thing with sales is to think, 'Would I buy this if it was not on sale?' Sample sales can be dangerous for that reason. Just really identify before you go in what it is you're looking for and what you're going to allow yourself to buy."

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What we're into

Now: 'America Again'

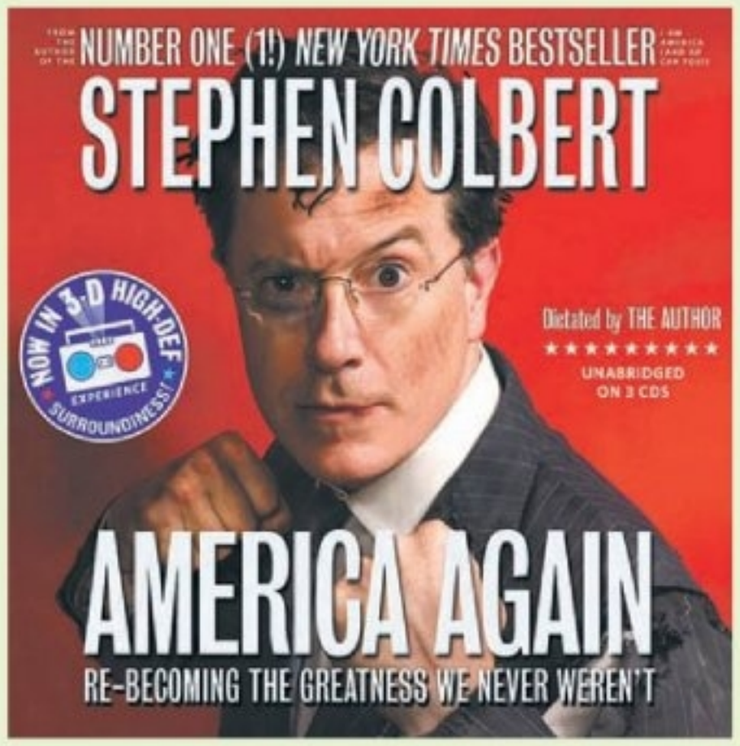
Sometimes, it's OK to judge a book by its cover: "America Again: Re-becoming the Greatness We Never Weren't" earned a place on our shelf before we even opened it. But inside Stephen Colbert's latest musings on truthiness you'll find plenty of treats, including a pair of 3-D glasses to half-heartedly enhance portraits of the comedian landing "truth punches" on our great nation.

Tonight: Umbra contact cases

At best, your contact lens case is clean enough and not missing a lid. We love these too-cute updates from Umbra, which make peeling a plastic film off your eyeball a little less terrible.

Tomorrow: 'A John Waters Christmas'

Eccentric filmmaker John Waters is at the Troc tomorrow evening with his one-man holiday show, which is billed as "putting the X in Xmas." We're not 100 percent sure what this means, but this one easily makes the shortlist for Most Tolerable Holiday Programming. **Tomorrow, 8 p.m., The Trocadero**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Not soon enough: 'Girl Meets World'

This Disney Channel reboot of "Boys Meets World" (yes, really!) will star Ben Savage and Danielle Fishel (yes, really!) in their former roles as Corey and Topanga and focus on their daughter. No word on a roll-out date, but Fishel confirmed the rumors on her blog, where she forgot to tell us if Shawn is on board. For shame, Topanga!

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REAL MEN TOUCH THEMSELVES

It's time to fondle yourself for peace of mind We speak to a medical expert about why it's important for men to get up close and personal with their testicles to avoid cancer

Balls, bollocks, nads, testicles — we spend enough time using them as a figure of fun, yet men are often reluctant to talk about them in any serious capacity — especially when there's a problem. Talking about it makes men feel emasculated, a pubic hair's width away from confessing to being a eunuch.

Well, that mentality is slowly changing, thanks to education, advertising and of course, the annual Movember moustache grow-off, which raises awareness globally of both testicular and prostate cancer. This year's efforts have raised more than $12.4 million for the cause, according to Movember COO Jason Hincks.

Dr. Sneh Khemka, medical director at health insurance plan Bupa International, is fondly known as Dr. Movember. Here, he gives us a rundown on men's cancers.

RICHARD PECKETT
METRO WORLD NEWS IN LONDON

Testicular cancer

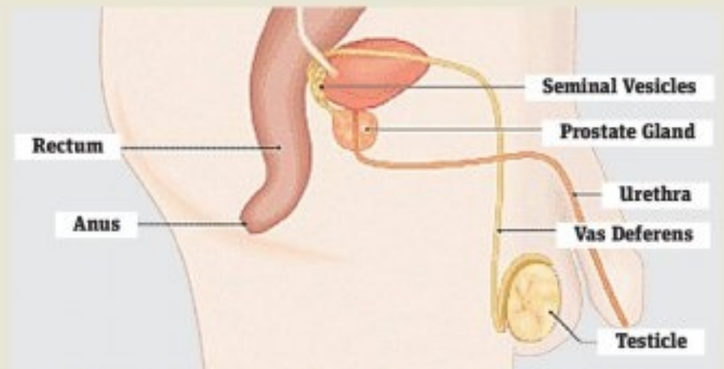
Who's at risk?
It mostly affects men between 20-30. It's very rare for men over 50. Caucasian males are more likely to suffer, but other factors include family history, fertility issues and people who have had a complication related to mumps called orchitis.

The symptoms:
Often it's asymptomatic, but you may experience the following: a collection of fluid in your scrotum that causes swelling (a lump), anal discomfort (this can spread to the groin or lower abdomen) and a pulling sensation like you've been kicked.

The treatment:
The most common treatment is surgical removal of the affected testicle.

Can this cancer spread or return?
If the cancer has spread, you may require adjunctive radiotherapy or chemotherapy, depending on whether it has affected the lymph glands. However, when the affected testicle has been removed, it is unlikely to return in the other testicle.

Are there any options aside from surgery?
It's very rare to catch it early enough to avoid surgery. If the cancer is just being treated with chemotherapy or radiotherapy, then it does have a higher rate of return — which is why they usually just remove the testicle.



Position of the testicles and surrounding structures

Common misconceptions

- **Myth: Testicular cancer affects older men.** *Truth: It's one of the few cancers that affects younger men.*
- **Myth: If you have one testicle, you can't have kids.** *Truth: You're just as able as men with two balls.*
- **Myth: Testicular cancer is incurable.** *Truth: It's very treatable.*
- **Myth: You get testicular cancer from cycling, just like Lance Armstrong.** *Truth: There's no evidence for this.*

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Letters

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A few points can say nothing — or a lot

Many said the president was reelected by a "mere 2.8 percent." Check the elections results for Nixon-Kennedy, Nixon-Humphrey, Ford-Carter and of course both G.W. Bush's election results, one in which he did not even win the popular vote. Talk about close! In a generic sense, if someone suggested a president would go into an election with high unemployment, high debt and an ongoing war, one would think the challenger would win in a cakewalk. This makes the fact that the president won by 2.8 percent a landslide in modern terms, along with the large differential in electoral votes.

This happened because an overwhelming number of voters still believe the previous administration was responsible for our current economic chaos. More importantly, voters felt the president cared about their needs, not trickle-down policies that have failed. It was a mandate because the Republicans, given their beliefs and attitudes, have no where to look for additional votes.

DAVID DIBELLO, VIA E-MAIL

Don't wish you were a European

RE: "WHY BOTHER HAVING ANOTHER OPINION? ASSIMILATE!" (METRO, NOV. 27) Letter writer Larry Blong is one of tax-and-spend liberals who are oblivious to the fact that "goodies" cost taxpayers money. His plan for Republicans is to promise free stuff to the "nonrich." It is hard to believe that Mr. Blong would ever vote Republican, considering his belief that the GOP is stuck on the "redneck, Confederate way of thinking."

What do you think happens when nations spend more than they take in? Greece, much? Finally, compare the economic policies of our two largest states, Texas and California. California should be light years ahead of Texas, but mostly Democrats and some Republicans, obsessed with your "goodies"-for-votes plan have been running the government and fiscally destroying the state. Liberals want elections to be about which candidate is going to spend more on him rather than which one is going to spend responsibly on all Americans. God help us all these next four years.

KEVIN METZ, VIA E-MAIL

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It only takes a few bad apples ...

RE: "ANTI-ISLAM FILM MAKER TELLS NYT HE HAS NO REGRETS" (METRO, NOV. 27) I can't believe that the anti-Islamic fanatic who made that hateful video still believes that he didn't do anything wrong. I guess no one ever taught him that all religious beliefs are equally good, and all religions are equally good. As President Bush always emphasized, Islam is a religion of peace. The fanatical groups like Hamas and al Qaeda distort the true meaning of Islam.

JOHN FRANCIS FOX, VIA E-MAIL

Not quite a first time for everything

RE: "AMID STRIFE, A STORY OF BROTHERHOOD" (METRO, NOV. 27) Letter writer Arthur Horn suggested rescuing Ethiopian Jews is a first for Africa. If that is so, what would he call the Exodus story? Crossing the Red Sea takes one from Africa to Asia, no?

PHIL LINDSAY, VIA E-MAIL

Horoscope

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** To achieve the best results when negotiating with someone who is using intimidating methods, assume that the other party is merely bluffing.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** It's important to follow a carefully conceived game plan regarding an important matter. Try your best not to deviate from such a blueprint, because your on-the-spot decision-making might not be optimal.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Unfortunately, this might not be one of your more productive days — but not for a lack of industriousness on your part.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** You could end up being greatly disappointed if you fail to keep your hopes and expectations within reasonable bounds. Your optimism simply won't match your opportunities.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Don't expect to learn too much if you are intimidated by the subject matter. Get back in character and trust your smarts to figure it out.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Experiencing some opposition and/or frustration could prevent you from conducting business in your usual manner. Do your best to keep things moving forward.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** On issues where you and your mate hold divergent opinions, it might be difficult for either of you to alter the other's point of view. Applying pressure will only make matters worse.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** You're apt to be totally unyielding with anyone who takes you for granted. When someone truly needs your help, you'll be the first to lend a hand.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** If what you want turns out to be the opposite of what everybody else desires, it might be quite difficult for you to go along with them. Nonetheless, you need to take this one for the team.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** An important personal objective might not be in accord with the wishes and/or plans of your colleagues. Instead of being supportive, they could make things harder for you. Try to be diplomatic, but also be firm.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Many little annoyances, which you would normally overlook, could become overwhelming if you don't try to get a handle on them.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Someone who is trying to use intimidating methods to get you to comply with his or her wishes might act like he or she has the upper hand, but it's just a bluff. Don't be taken in.

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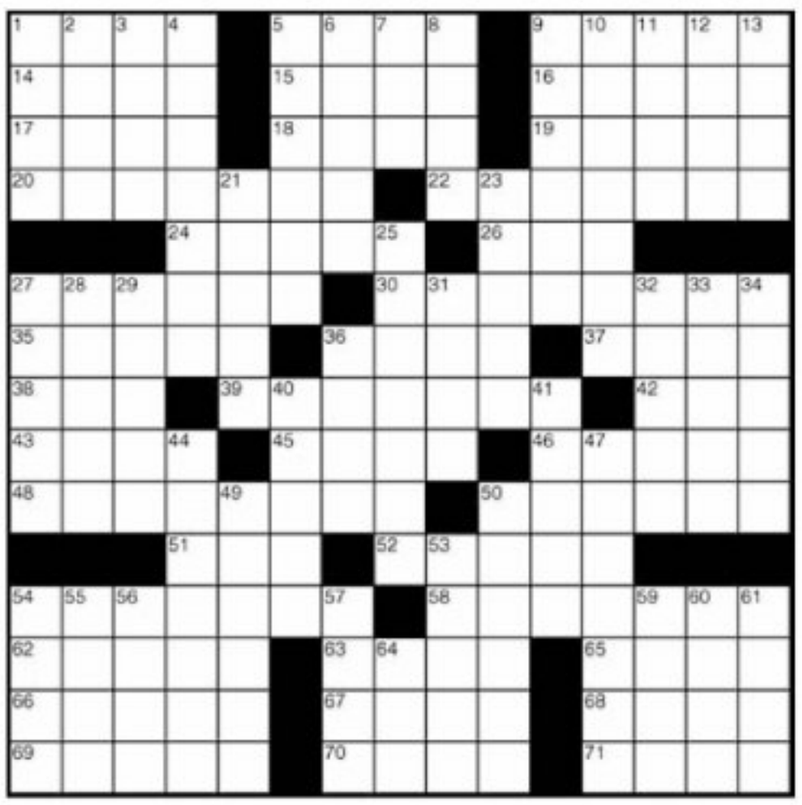

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Opinion

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THE VOICE OF THE PHILLY SPORTS FAN

MAKING SENSE OF ROSEMAN'S ABSURD RISE

Howie Roseman is like a cockroach in a nuclear war, a survivor against all odds. In fact, while the pathetic team he helped to assemble disintegrates, the Eagles GM just keeps gaining power. And he will emerge soon to lead the head coaching search.

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As the inevitable end to the Andy Reid era draws closer, attention is turning to the quest for a new head coach, and to the man who apparently will lead that expedition, a lawyer by trade and talent evaluator by accident. At 37, with absolutely no track record of NFL success, somehow these are Howie Roseman's Eagles now.

After yet another bad game — this time a 30-22 loss to the putrid Carolina Panthers — a sense of anticipation continues to grow around Reid and the army of overpaid underachievers who comprise this horrible team. Many of them will be gone soon, though clearly not soon enough. The coach will take the fall first, a departure at least one year too late. Mike Vick will leave at the end of the season, as will free-agent bust Nnamdi Asomugha.

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There is plenty of evidence that Howie Roseman is clueless.

Expected to survive (indeed, to prosper) will be Roseman, who has emerged from the shadow of his mentor, Joe Banner, to assume an improbable position of power. Other than owner Jeff Lurie's proclamation that Roseman is "one of the brightest young guys in the league," nothing tangible supports this meteoric rise. There is plenty of evidence that the GM is clueless.

Two years ago, Roseman called Reid from the NCAA combine and announced that Danny Watkins, a 26-year-old offensive lineman who had played football for only four years, was the steal of the draft. Since Roseman told this story himself, there is no doubt how the Eagles came to waste that first-round pick on a slow lineman with a chronic ankle condition.

Reid has been careful not to reveal who in the organization was responsible for the rest of that disastrous 2011 draft, or for the free-agent frenzy that followed. All we can say for sure, Roseman was there for all of it while crowing repeatedly about the talents of a player who later would fail spectacularly.

Well, now even the crowing has stopped. Roseman hasn't been heard from in two months. Not coincidentally, the last time the Eagles won a game was Sept. 30. Suddenly, when times are toughest, Roseman has scurried for cover. Rest assured, he will emerge soon to lead the search for a new coach.

Howie Roseman is the ultimate survivor, the lone Eagle who is profiting from one of the worst seasons in team history. Can he lead the Birds back to respectability? Can he find the perfect coach for this imperfect team? Don't bet on it.

*– **Angelo Cataldi** is the host of 94 WIP's Morning Show, which airs weekdays 5:30-10 a.m.*

No Chooch

Phils lose Ruiz to start season

Carlos Ruiz was suspended for the first 25 games after testing positive for a banned substance.

The illegal stimulant was Adderall, and it was the second positive test for the Phillies catcher. Ruiz will be eligible to participate in all of spring training and exhibition games.

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In the news

Last star standing in Philly

'Tis the season to be jolly, you say? Tell that to a Philadelphia sports fan after a year of injuries, controversies and failure. We have an Eagles team in total disarray, the window of opportunity about to slam shut on the Phillies, a huge hole in the middle of the Sixers' roster and no Flyers hockey.

Jolly? The best gift for the Philadelphia sports fan this holiday season is a prescription for anti-depressants. But we are not here to wallow. We are here to do what Philadelphia does better than any city: prevail over our grim circumstances.

If you want to continue the long tradition of putting a player's jersey under the Christmas tree, you will need to work a little harder. Last year, LeSean McCoy and Mike Vick were popular choices. Both are hurt and neither is having a great year. Forget all Eagles.

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▶ Hamels

The Sixers have one big star, but who is going to invest in Andrew Bynum? He may never play a game here. Claude Giroux seems like a safe choice, but he has managed to get injured, too, even though the Flyers aren't playing. Besides, does anyone want to spend money on the NHL these days?

The Phils have the most stars, but Roy Halladay, Cliff Lee, Jimmy Rollins, Chase Utley and Ryan Howard are in decline. That leaves one clear choice: Cole Hamels. At 29, he is coming off a great season, just signed a six-year contract and was the World Series' MVP of our only championship team in the past 29 years.

Buy your Cole Hamels jersey today. He is the last star standing. In fact, he is the only star still standing.

Idle thoughts from Cataldi ...

1 **Start at the top.** Eagles PR guy Rob Zeiger was fired last week — not long after he tried in vain to explain the obnoxious behavior of the security force at Lincoln Financial Field. A few days later, marketing guru Tim McDermott was let go. Well, at least now they're getting to the real crux of the problem.

2 **Getting Bowled over.** Eagles defensive coordinator Todd Bowles is not at all impressed with the communication skills of his players, who are constantly leaving receivers wide open for big plays. There is another way to look at the problem, of course: Some really bad coaching.

3 **Just say no.** Here's one more warning before disaster strikes: The Phillies should NOT sign B.J. Upton to play center field. Consider these numbers: 154, 134, 152, 164, 161 and 169. Those are his strikeout totals in the last six seasons. Putting him in the same lineup with Ryan Howard will be a disaster.

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▶ Bynum is out indefinitely.

Not worth our time

There was a report last week that Andrew Bynum doesn't like basketball. What a coincidence. Since he became a Sixer, I haven't liked it either. Bynum's absence has made me not care about a team I have loved for half a century.

A recent fan poll revealed that 48 percent believe Bynum will never play. a stunning shift from the euphoria of his arrival. Was it really less than four months ago that 700 people turned out for his gala introductory news conference?

In that time, the only athletic endeavor he has attempted has been bowling. The bowling fiasco followed experimental knee treatments in Germany, lubricant injections and a couple of daring new hairstyles.

When he will play is anyone's guess. The Sixers finally tried to stop the speculation over the weekend when they ruled him out indefinitely. GM Tony DiLeo finally admitted the Sixers knew it was a "calculated risk" to accept Bynum and his bad knees in the deal, but they decided to take it.

You may notice that I haven't written a word about the team in recent columns, other than weekly updates on Bynum. I speak to the fans every day on my WIP radio show, and there is almost no interest in the other mediocrities on the roster, nor in head cheerleader Doug Collins.

Until Bynum actually walks onto the court — preferably without a limp — the Sixers are dead to me.

Diamonds in the rough

It's not *if* Andy Reid gets fired, it's *when* Eagles set to begin first coaching search in 14 years With five games remaining on schedule, we take look at early candidates Birds' best bet is on defensive side of ball

1

Ray Horton (Cardinals defensive coordinator)
The self-proclaimed "Dick LeBeau devotee" would provide instant credibility to an underachieving defense. Horton, 52, runs the 3-4 and is known for his aggressive, blitzing style. As a former cornerback and Super Bowl champion, he also has a reputation as a players' coach.
- **Intangibles:** Learned under Hall of Fame coach Dick LeBeau
- **Who he reminds us of:** Mike Tomlin

2

Vic Fangio (49ers defensive coordinator)
In two seasons on the job, the 54-year-old has turned the 49ers into the NFL's defensive gold standard. He knows talent and he knows how to use that talent, like when to blitz and how to blitz. Give Fangio complete control on personnel decisions and let him install the 3-4.
- **Intangibles:** Local ties (Lackawanna, East Stroudsburg)
- **Who he reminds us of:** Pete Carroll

3

Dirk Koetter (Falcons offensive coordinator)
If there is one name out there that gets the juices flowing, it's Koetter. In one year, he has revitalized Atlanta's passing attack. Koetter would be the best bet to develop Nick Foles or start from scratch in the draft.
- **Intangibles:** Son of football coach; former quarterback himself
- **Who he reminds us of:** Dick Vermeil

4

Mike McCoy (Broncos offensive coordinator)
Yes, McCoy has Peyton Manning now. But McCoy is the same guy that won a playoff game with Tim Tebow. He completely changed his entire philosophy in less than a calendar year, and Denver is once again elite. At 40, he is arguably the brightest offensive mind in the game.
- **Intangibles:** Respected by John Elway and Peyton Manning
- **Who he reminds us of:** Brian Billick

5

Mike Zimmer (Bengals defensive coordinator)
The one constant in Cincinnati over the past five seasons has been its defense. They have consistently been ranked in the Top 15 in total defense, thanks to Zimmer's hard-nosed and disciplined style. For proof, go back and watch HBO's "Hard Knocks" (2009).
- **Intangibles:** Prefers 4-3 defense, but knows how to run 3-4
- **Who he reminds us of:** Jim Johnson

6

Gary Patterson (Texas Christian head coach)
To some, Patterson is an innovator. To others, he's a sideshow. His 4-2-5 defense, which subs an extra safety for a linebacker, would create buzz. It's worked in college. Whether it would work in the NFL is debatable.
- **Intangibles:** Knows how to put a franchise back on the map
- **Who he reminds us of:** Buddy Ryan

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Decision time for Birds

Evaluations across the board for organization attempting to rebuild ◗ Maclin, Foles back next year ◗ Ryans, Jenkins could prove valuable

The floundering Eagles have to make major decisions looking ahead to 2013. Assuming Andy Reid is gone, there could be sweeping roster changes on the way.

Don't expect any of Reid's coaching staff back, either. The defense has regressed since Todd Bowles took the reins. Marty Mornhinweg refuses to run the ball. And Bobby April's special teams rank near the bottom of the NFL. Howie Roseman — or preferably a new GM — will have the tough task of evaluating the current roster.

These guys should still have a home in South Philadelphia in 2013:

Jeremy Maclin

Our take: He's got one year left on a rookie deal prorated at $1.25 million in 2013. While he's struggled with injuries and has yet to record a 1,000-yard season, Maclin is a steal at that price. Question is, do they give him a contract extension? Or trade him?

Prediction: Stays ... at least until the trading deadline

DeMeco Ryans

Our take: The stud middle linebacker has been as advertised: a sure-handed tackler, with coverage skills and a strong voice in the huddle. While Ryans' $6.6 million 2013 salary puts him among the Top 5 highest-paid at his position, he may be the lone Eagle to make the Pro Bowl.

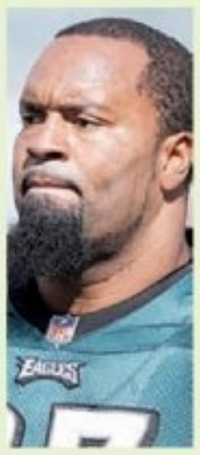
Prediction: Stays

Nick Foles

Our take: The third-round pick hasn't shown much in his first two NFL starts. He had trouble making reads vs. Carolina. But with a poor class of college QBs coming out, he'll be in the mix to win the starting job next season.

Prediction: Stays

Cullen Jenkins



Our take: Jenkins hasn't been a difference-maker by any means, but he does provide a veteran voice and the threat of an inside pass-rush. He's worth the paltry $4 million they'd need to keep him. Then again, it all depends on what kind of scheme the new coach and defensive coordinator run.

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Eagles will be over salary cap in 2013 With 2012 season over, time to look to future Here's some guys who may have one foot out door

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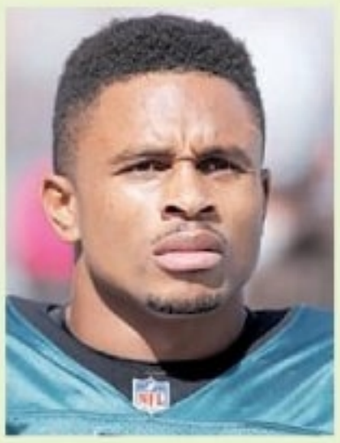

Our take:
Once thought to be the second-best cornerback in the entire NFL, Asomugha has greatly underachieved since cashing in and will turn 32 this summer. The Eagles can cut him (and eat $4 million) or bring him back at $15 million — or try and shop him at a reduced price. Remember, the Birds swapped Asante Samuel for a sixth-round draft choice last offseason.

Prediction: Gone

Mike Vick

Our take:
The man expected to lead the "dynasty" likely played his last game here Nov. 11. He's been mostly unproductive since that torrid stretch in 2010. Cut him after the Super Bowl and pay just $3 million of his $16 million salary. Of course, if rookie Nick Foles continues to be unimpressive, the team might consider bringing Vick back at a very reduced cost.

Prediction: Gone

Demetress Bell

Our take:
The emergency plan for left tackle Jason Peters was as ineffective as anyone on that makeshift offensive line. They wasted $3.5 million in guaranteed money this past season. They won't waste $9.6 million in 2013. The Birds would be wise to also let Peters' other backup, King Dunlap, leave as unrestricted free agent. Look to the draft for a young left tackle.

Prediction: Gone

Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie

Our take:
The most intriguing player on the roster. DRC has been an enigma. He wowed early in the year, then turned into a huge liability in recent weeks. He's an unrestricted free agent who might command more money than he's worth. However, considering the fragile state of the Eagles' secondary it would be in the team's best interest to at least negotiate with DRC.

Prediction: Stays (barely)

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Babin cut, Jackson to IR

The Eagles made two roster moves yesterday.

DeSean Jackson was placed on the injured reserve list, which ended the receiver's season. Jackson fractured a couple ribs in Monday night's game. His disappointing 2012 season ends with 45 catches for 700 yards and two touchdowns.

"He's got multiple fractures up high in here," coach Andy Reid said. "As [GM] Howie [Roseman] and I get together, we can build in options for down the road if we want to tag him to where he can come back. We haven't discussed that yet."

Then, the Eagles made the more shocking move by releasing Jason Babin. Coming off a Pro Bowl campaign (18 sacks), Babin had largely been a bust in 2012, registering just 5.5 sacks this season. He had also drawn the ire of fans with his comments.

"We appreciate everything that Jason has given this team over the last couple of years," Reid said. "We wish him all the best as he continues his career. By releasing him today, this gives us an opportunity to give more playing time to some of the younger guys in the defensive-line rotation."

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From left: Jonathan and Drew Scott

Four tips for buying

1 Scope out the scene
Research the neighborhood you're looking in. It's important to know what comparable homes are selling for and the cost of any special features you really want, such as a pool or large backyard.

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3 Dream big
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4 Don't settle
Don't ignore the fact that your house is next to a train track just because you like a certain feature. Don't ignore anything that could affect resale value.

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Four tips for selling

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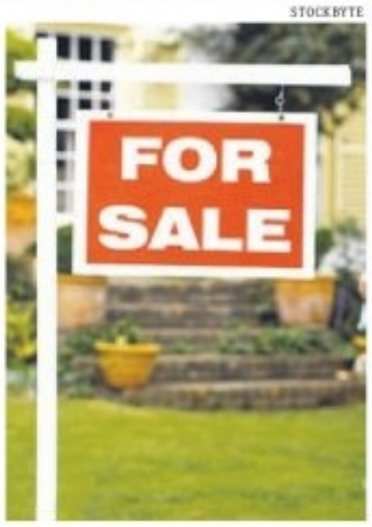

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3 Disclose everything
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4 Leave emotions aside
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